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This Issue

With two articles in sea-going vein and a cover picture showing a familiar scene along the Nova Scotia shore-line, this issue of *The Quarterly* has more than a slight maritime flavor.

Fishing is Canada's oldest industry and it ranks among the ten largest in the world. The industry is divided into three main divisions, Atlantic, Pacific and inland water fisheries. The first is the largest and the oldest and is divided generally into two categories, shore fishing and deep-sea fishing. Peculiarly enough the former is considered the more important; individual fishermen operating motorboats or sail-boats within a few miles of the coast, produce the great majority of the catches for the shore fisheries.

Deep-sea fishing is in an entirely different category. Trawlers may run to well over a hundred tons in size, with crews of two or three dozen men who fish the great "fishing banks" of the deep waters in small dories. Perhaps the most valuable catch in the Atlantic waters is cod, with halibut, haddock, mackerel, salmon, herring, lobsters and oysters forming only a portion of the more than two dozen commercially sold fish caught off Canada's east coast.

At one time much of Canada's fish destined for export, was salted and dried, but with today's refrigerated storage and transport, more sea products find their way to